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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Information Disclosure Statement and
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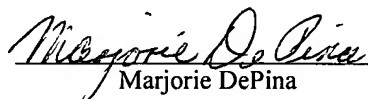
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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed International Search Report and Written Opinion from corresponding PCT Application No. US2004/41830.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The Applicants are not in possession of any English language translations of the following references.

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The relevance of EA 0001010 is indicated in its figures, and in its English abstract obtained online from the European Patent Office.

The relevance of JP 6217931 is indicated in its figures, and in its English abstract obtained online from the European Patent Office.

The relevance of JP 7031583 is indicated in its figures, and in its English abstract obtained online from the European Patent Office.

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The relevance of JP 2003102669 is indicated in its figures, and in its English abstract obtained online from the European Patent Office.

The relevance of JP 2003180611 is indicated in its figures, and in its English abstract obtained online from the European Patent Office.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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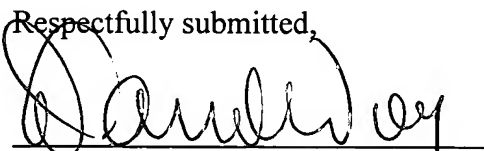
By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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